



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Special Olympics organizations provide an important opportunity for young adults with disabilities to experience the joy associated with participating in various sporting events; and
- WHEREAS: Special Olympics Georgia hosts an event with more than 23,000 athletes and more than 15,000 volunteers; and
- WHEREAS: The athletes in these games participate in a wide range of sports, including aquatic events, track and field, soccer, tennis, rhythmic gymnastics, badminton, volleyball, and table tennis; and
- WHEREAS: The competition gives young adults continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness. They participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community; and
- WHEREAS: The Special Olympics Athlete Oath, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," embodies the spirit and heart of these athletes and is something from which every Georgian can learn; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 16–22 as SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK in Georgia and urge all Georgians to recognize the Special Olympics athletes for their displays of skill, courage, and wholesome competition.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley  
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